THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry that the hon. Member is giving a wrong twist to this refugee rehabilitation affair. As a matter of fact, we have granted exemption to only 193 persons. Refugee rehabilitation is a huge All-India problem and this State Government also have to play their part in solving it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The evacuees who are trading in foodgrains are collecting Sales Tax from the purchasers and the Minister's statement that they are not collecting is totally wrong. As such, is it not just that they also should be made to pay Sales Tax to the Government? Is it not a fact that the evacuees are leading a more luxurious life than the other people here who are not given such facilities? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are refugees and refugees, and only poor refugees have been given these facilities. The first part of the question is an assertion made by the hon. Member and not a question."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has stated that loans have been advanced to these refugees. Do these loans bear any interest or not? If there is any interest, what is the rate fixed? " 8-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I do not have the information with regard to the interest."

Women's Welfare Associations in the State.

* 645 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Women's Welfare Associations in the State; and

(*b*) how many of them are getting Government subsidy, and how many of them are Harijan Women's Welfare Associations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The details are not available with the Government.

" (*b*) Two. Both these institutions are intended for the uplift of the women in general without distinction of caste or community."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த மாதர் பராமரிப்புக்காக நம்முடைய அரசாங்கத்திலே வருஷ வாரியில் செலவாகும் பணம் எவ்வளவு ? இதை நிர்வகிப்பதற்காக தனி இலாகா இருக்கிறதா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் அதற்கு எத்தனை கெஜடட் ஆபீசர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை அறிவிக்க விரும்புகிறேன். "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This does not arise out of the main question. But if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is a separate Women's Welfare Department. But regarding the statistics required by the hon. Member, I would like to have notice."

SRI AIYANAR :—" அம்மாச்சியாபுரத்தில், ஒரு மாதர் நிலையம் ஆரம்பிக்க சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு அளித்திருந்தும், அதில் தாமதம் ஏற்படுவதற்கு காரணம் என்ன என்பது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to give notice of a separate question."

SRI M. PALANIANDI :—" சார், பெண்களுக்கு நலம் செய்யும் இலாகா நகரத்திலே இருக்கின்றனவா ? அல்லது கிராமங்களிலும் இருச்கிறதா ? கிராமங்களில் இல்லையென்றால் அங்குள்ள பெண்களுக்கும் உதவி செய்வார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I know—but perhaps the hon. Member is not aware of it—many of these Centres and Associations do work in the rural areas."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" I may add that I know that in many places or in most places these Women's Welfare Associations are urbanised and they live only in towns. May I request the Hon. Minister, therefore, to cause an intensification of the spreading out of these Associations and welfare workers in rural areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not admit that this work is more urbanised than ruralised. It is being concentrated more in the rural areas than in the urban areas."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" இந்த மாதிரியான மாதர் நிலைய இலாகாக்கள் பெரும்பாலும் பட்டணங்களில் இருப்பதால் அவர்கள் கிராமங்களிலே இம்மாதிரியான வேலை செய்வதில்லை என்பது . . . "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்த கேள்வியைத்தான் ஆங்கிலத்தில் கிருஷ்ண ஐயர் அவர்கள் கேட்டார்கள். The hon. Member Sri Krishna Ayyar put the same supplementary question."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" My question is different, Sir. அவர் கேட்டது சரி. நான் கேட்பது கிராமங்களுக்கும் இம்மாதிரியான மாதர் நல இலாகாவை ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்கார் யோசிக்குமா என்பதே."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The main question relates to certain Women's Welfare Associations, but these supplementary questions relate to Women's Welfare Centres. Even then, I would like to tell the hon. Members that new centres are opened only in the rural areas, particularly in the National Extension Service areas."

Repairs to tanks in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district.

* 646 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tanks maintained by the Public Works Department in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district;